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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER: EMERGENCE OF CONSERVATIVE JOURNAL

1. ON MAY 18 "O COMMERCIO" REAPPEARED IN LUANDA. LAST PUBLISHED IN 1972. PAPER WAS SHUT DOWN THEN BY OWNERS OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF CENSORSHIP. IN NEW INCARNATION IT IS CONSERVATIVE, BUSINESSMAN'S MOUTHPIECE. SOURCES IN NEWS MEDIA STATE CHAMPALIMAUD IS PRIMARY POWER BEHIND PAPER, THOUGH HIS NAME NOT PUBLICLY CONNECTED WITH IT.

2. EDITORIALS SO FAR REFLECT STRICTLY NATIONALIST ANGOLAN VIEW-POINT.

3. PAPER IS FEATURING FRONT PAGE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL PERSONALITIES WHICH ARE MOST IMAGINATIVE JOURNALISTIC SCOOPS SEEN HERE SO FAR. EXAMPLE IS INTERVIEW WITH OUTSPOKEN LUANDA MAYOR PALMEIRIM (WHO IS STILL WAITING FOR HIS RESIGNATION TO BE ACCEPTED) WHO SAID INTERALIA "I DO NOT AGREE WITH JUNTA'S SOLUTION FOR OVERSEAS PROBLEM... I CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO POLITICAL IDEALS OF REGIME EVERYONE NOW IS CALLING FASCIST." (MAYOR WAS SECGEN OF GUINEA WHEN SPINOLA ARRIVED. LATTER FIRED HIM. IN LUANDA HE HAS MADE NOTABLE RECORD CLEANING UP MESS AND

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